

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL  
INFORMATION CENTER, SIERRA  
CLUB, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS,  
and CITIZENS FOR CLEAN  
ENERGY,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,  
CHRISTOPHER DORRINGTON, in  
his official capacity as director of  
Montana Department of Environmental  
Quality, and DAN WALSH, in his  
official capacity as Bureau Chief of the  
Mining Bureau of the Montana  
Department of Environmental Quality,

Defendants.

CV-23-28-GF-BMM

**ORDER**

Defendant-Intervenor, Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC

(“Westmoreland”) has moved for an order allowing Bryson C. Smith, Esq., to appear *pro hac vice* in this case with William W. Mercer, Esq., designated as local

counsel. (Doc. 39). The application of Mr. Smith appears to be in compliance with L.R. 83.1(d). **IT IS ORDERED:**

Westmorland's motion to allow Mr. Smith to appear in this Court (Doc. 39) is **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

1. Local counsel shall exercise the responsibilities required by L.R. 83.1(d)(5) and must be designated as lead counsel or as co-lead counsel;
2. Mr. Smith must do his own work. He must do his own writings, sign his own pleadings, motions, briefs, and, if designated co-lead counsel, must appear and participate personally in all proceedings before the Court;
3. The Applicant Attorney shall take steps to register in the Court's electronic filing system ("CM-ECF"). Further information is available on the Court's website, [www.mtd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov).
4. Local counsel shall also sign all such pleadings, motions and briefs and other documents served or filed; and
5. Admission is personal to Mr. Smith, not the law firm he works for.
6. Local counsel will provide a copy of this order to pro hac counsel.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**

Mr. Smith must file, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order, an acknowledgment an acceptance of his admission under the terms set forth above.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2023.



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Brian Morris, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court